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'Objects in Water'	1995	Etching/Silkscreen	36" x 24"

Artist Statement:

My work is an exploration of heightened perceptual and spiritual experiences that emerge from a relationship between memories and daily events; images manifest themselves as lucid moments of layered experiences. These relationships are not linear, but are instead continuously changing. The past not only informs the present, but is recreated by it.

"What matters is this: to recognize in the semblance of the temporal and transient the substance which is immanent and the eternal which is present in it."

In my images, I respond to intuitions from which I create a personal symbolism - a mapping of internal landscapes. By mapping my experiences I am trying to do two things: first, I am attempting to recognize perceptions from memories of past experiences that stand out against an ever changing reality; and secondly, I am interested in symbols of stability-the human desire for permanence and continuity in a world of changeable mortal things. What also interests me is the many ways in which we try to capture life's fleeting experiences in single images, concepts or systems. Life's experiences are so rich that in our attempts to contain them we ultimately fail. I am hoping then, to offer a fragment of the eternal, with full understanding that my depictions of the eternal remain incomplete and ultimately that the eternal, and any representation of it remains elusive.

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